



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES:

While August is known for its “Dog Days,” the pace of activity in the CPRC slowed only slightly. Progress was made on updating our current policy and procedures and while there are no major revisions planned, many of the policies will be tweaked in light of the experience we have gained over the past year. When these modifications are solidified, public comment will be encouraged as happened with the initial document.

During the August monthly meeting, the Commission was treated to a series of speakers who told us about their organization’s role in incidents where a citizen dies as the result of a police action. We heard from Mr. Mike Soccio from the District Attorney’s Office, Mr. Frank Robles of the County Coroner’s Office and Chief Leach. The information they imparted was very beneficial and will aid the commissioners in deciding what, if any, changes should be made to the current way they carry out their duties vis-à-vis officer-involved deaths.

OUTREACH:

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended four meetings or community events, which included the Chamber of Commerce Eastside Violence meeting, Eastside Violence Committee meeting at Kansas Avenue S.D.A. Church, The Friday Morning Group and the Black Congressional Caucus Forum on Police Misconduct.

WORKLOAD:

Cases Received

Lodged*	Filed/CPRC	Filed/P.D.
2	0	15

* A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

Cases Reviewed	Inquiries	Administratively Closed **
12	0	1

** Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure, FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Misconduct Noted
4	8	4	0	0

Referrals

Personnel Complaints	Service Complaints
0	0

Policy Recommendations

There was 1 policy recommendation made by the Commission for the month of August '02. They recommended that the Police Department amend all applicable policies to require officers to write a report when they have information that relates to a runaway situation.